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SUBJ: CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS (CU/ARTS): LOS ANGELES PHILHARMONIC
ORCHESTRA

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1. LAPO VISIT A MUCH ANTICIPATED MUSICAL EVENT HERE AND ALREADY
BEGINNING TO CAUSE FAVOURABLE ADVANCE COMMENT.

2. HOWEVER, IN LAST WEEK BOTH THE DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER AND
DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF CULTURE, HAVE
DISCUSSED INCLUDING DVORAK 7TH SYMPHONY IN PRAGUE PROGRAM
WITH PAO. WE WOULD LIKE TO PASS THEIR COMMENT ON TO ERNEST
FLEISCHMAN FOR HIS CONSIDERATION.

3. BOTH SAID "PRAGUE AUDIENCES WOULD PREFER TO HEAR SUCH AS
IMPORTANT ORCHESTRA PLAY SOMETHING OTHER THAN DVORAK. IT IS
NOT A QUESTION OF THEIR INTERPRETATION, WHICH WILL BE
SUPERB, BUT THAT LOCAL AUDIENCES WILL HAVE KNOWN THE PIECE
SINCE CHILDHOOD AND WILL BE USED TO PARTICULAR INTERPRETATIONS
OF IT. THE ORCHESTRA'S IMPACT WILL BE MORE DRAMATIC FOR
AUDIENCES THAT WILL ONLY HEAR IT ONCE IF IT PLAYS ANOTHER MAJOR
SYMPHONIC WORK, SUCH AS SOMETHING BY MOZART OR BRAHMS."

4. QUESTION: IN VIEW OF FOREGOING COMMENTS, DOES LAPO
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WANT TO CONTINUE WITH DVORAK OR ALTER PROGRAM? IN EITHER

CASE, CONCERT PROMISES TO BE HIGHPOINT OF THIS CONCERT
SEASON IN PRAGUE.
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